or abolishing capital punishment in the country. The Law Commission of India has also recommended the retention of the capital punishment while reviewing the provisions of Indian Penal Code in its 156th Report.

(d) There is no intention of the part of the Government to do away with the capital punishment as the Law Commission in its 156th Report considered the issue in detail and after making comparative study of the law in other countries and after examining various judgements rendered by the apex court reiterated the view of retaining capital punishment.

Automobile thefts

1521. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of automobiles stolen from Delhi and other cities in India are sent to Nepal and in North-Eastern States by criminals;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported in Delhi during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to check this menace and the number of persons apprehended in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT) (a) As per available information, there have been some cases where vehicles stolen from different States were found registered at Guwahati with new registration numbers.

(b) Year-wise details of such cases reported in Delhi during the last three years in which recoveries have been made are as follows:

Year	No. of cases	No. of vehicles recovered from Nepal and North-Eastern States
2001	3	3(1 Meghalaya, 2 Assam)
2002	7	7(3 Assam, 1 Meghalaya, 3 Arunachal Pradesh)
2003	5	5(5 Assam)

(c) A number of steps have been taken by Delhi Police to check this

menace which *inter-alia* include setting up of anti-auto theft squad in every district, setting up of check posts at all borders, collecting intelligence, exchange of information with neighbouring States, etc. A total of four persons have been arrested in this regard.

ISI and Al-Qaida activities

1522. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to stop the ISI and Al-Qaida activities in different parts of India and its nexus with the different militant groups;

(b) if so, the details of the plan of action; and

(c) if not, alternate measures Government plan to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) In order to deal with the situation, the Government has pursued a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorists groups/anti-national elements/ISI agents by well coordinated intelligence based operations.

As a result of the coordinated action by the Central and State intelligence and security agencies, a number of ISI backed terrorist/espionage modules have been detected/neutralized in various parts of the country.

Re-settlement of displaced Kashmiri Pandits

1523. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what Government are doing for the re-settlement of the Kashmiri Pandits in the valley;

(b) whether Government have any economic and financial package for the displaced pandits of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and